Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Public Notification Form for Wastewater Discharges

Information about the Discharge

An unauthorized discharge or spill of wastewater has occurred from:

Wastewater Treatment Facility: ____ Collection System: X

Facility Name: City of College Station wastewater collection system

Person to contact for information: <u>David Coleman, Water Services Director 979-764-3660</u>

Location of spill(s): <u>Manhole at 2536 Longmire Dr. between Deacon and Brothers Blvd.</u> <u>near Longmire Park</u>.

Estimated date and time of spill(s): Monday 3/9/15 approximately 11:45 AM - 7:20 PM

Estimated volume of spill(s)(number of gallons): <u>Estimated to be 107,000 gallons, based on 200 gallons per minute flow.</u>

Type of Spill (domestic, industrial, other): domestic wastewater

Description of the area potentially affected, including down gradient and lateral distance from spill(s) site: The area affected includes Bee Creek flowing east from Longmire Drive and immediately downstream.

Suspected cause of spill(s): <u>Heavy rainfall of 3.8 – 4.2 inches of rain fell over a five hour period.</u> This heavy rain contributed to inflow in the wastewater collection system, which caused the manhole to overflow.

List of actions taken *including* but, not limited to:

Notification of local government officials: <u>TCEQ Executive Director was notified of the spill</u> March 10, 2015 verbally and via email.

Containment of spill: As of the time of this notice, the spill has stopped and the manhole has ceased overflowing.

Increased monitoring of water supply systems: <u>Increased monitoring of Bee Creek watershed has been initiated</u>. No signs of environmental damage were observed.

Initiation or completion of cleanup activities: <u>Cleanup activities have been completed and</u> the area has been disinfected with sodium hypochlorite.

Precautionary Statements:

Because the spill is estimated to be over 100,000 gallons, the following precautionary actions are recommended:

1. Persons using private drinking water supply wells located within ½ mile of the spill site or within the potentially affected area should use only water that has been distilled or boiled at a rolling boil for at least one minute for all personal uses including drinking, cooking, bathing, and tooth brushing. Individuals with private water wells should have their well water tested and disinfected, if necessary, prior to discontinuing distillation or boiling.

- 2. Persons who purchase water from a public water supply may contact their water supply distributor to determine if the water is safe for personal use.
- 3. The public should avoid contact with waste material, soil, or water in the area potentially affected by the spill.
- 4. If the public comes into contact with waste material, soil, or water potentially affected by the spill, they should bathe and wash clothes thoroughly as soon as possible.